

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Advisory Action of March 3, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. An RCE is enclosed to enable entry of these amendments.

The Advisory Action noted three objections:

A) SUMMARY OF THE TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

The Applicants submit that a complete summary was provided. However, the Examiner has noted additional comments made regarding the order of operations. As the Examiner has provided the additional summary in the Advisory Action, the undersigned need not provide further comments, as the record is submitted to be complete and accurate.

B) ORDER OF PROCESSING BY CLAIM ELEMENTS

The claims have been amended to incorporate explicit notation regarding the organization of elements as processed in an order, as claimed. Support for this amendment is found in the specification from page 15, line 22 through page 17, line 11 (as-filed), as well as in the figures 2A, 2B and 5. These sections explicitly show, for example, the method steps are performed in order, in express accordance with one embodiment of the invention. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection regarding insufficient support in the claims for arguments made in response to the Final Office Action are now overcome.

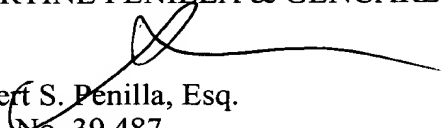
C) THE CITATIONS TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

To expedite prosecution, the Applicants have included clarifications directly into the claims. For instance, in addition to defining an order of the operations, the Applicants have amended the claims to specifically note the creation of the user key pairs is at the server computer. Additionally, now that the claims have been amended to recite an order of operation, many of the comments noted by the Office are rendered moot, as the cited art fails teach the now claimed elements, in the claimed order. However, for completeness, the prior responses are herein incorporated by reference for purposes of appeal, if so required.

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the amendments and an RCE filed with this paper. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SONYP007). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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